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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

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1. I HAVE BEEN GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO RE-
SPONSES WHICH WE MIGHT GIVE TO SPANISH REQUEST FOR US
ASSISTANCE WITH MOROCCANS IN CONNECTION WITH SPANISH
PROPOSAL TO CALL A FOUR - POWER CONFERENCE ON THE SPANISH
SAHARA. THIS REQUEST WAS MOST RECENTLY FORMULATED DUR-
ING CONVERSATION WHICH SPANISH UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA
HAD WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO IN WASHINGTON LAST
MONTH. ROVIRA HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE IN-
QUIRED WHEN A REPLY MIGHT BE RECEIVED.

2. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT GOS DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SUCCESS
IN ITS EFFORTS TO CONVOKE A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE IN
MADRID ON JULY 9 AND THAT, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,
GOS WILL TURN TO UNSYG WALDHEIM TO URGE HIM TO TRY HIS
HAND.

3. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR
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STATED POSITION OF "NEUTRALITY" TO MAKE ANY APPROACH TO

MOROCCANS, MAURITANIANS OR ALGERIANS IN SUPPORT OF GOS
EFFORTS TO CONVOKE A CONFERENCE IN MADRID. I WOULD,
THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT WE GIVE NO REPLY TO GOS ON
BASIS ROVIRA'S APPROACH TO SISCO, BUT RATHER LET MATTERS
REST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS GOS DECIDES TO GO TO WALDHEIM TO
URGE HIM TO TRY TO CONVOKE A MEETING.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT AT THAT STAGE, WE TELL GOS THAT WE
WILL CONFIDENTIALLY SUPPORT WITH WALDHEIM THE CONVOCATION
OF A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE UNDER UN AUSPICES. SUCH
AN APPROACH WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR POSITION THAT
MATTERS SHOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY AMONGST INTERESTED
PARTIES AND WOULD ALSO BALANCE, TO SOME EXTENT, ACTION
WHICH WE TOOK LAST DECEMBER IN VOTING FOR MOROCCAN RESO-
LUTION PUTTING SAHARA QUESTION TO ICJ- AN ACTION WHICH
CAUSED SOME UNHAPPINESS IN MADRID.

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